

# Newcastle Family History Society Inc.



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Feb, Mar, Oct, Nov at 7.30 pm  
Apr to Sep at 2.00 pm

## Newsletter

Number 246

### WANTED FOR YOUR JOURNAL—see page 6

The theme for our September Journal 251 is:  
**Heroism**

Deadline for articles: **Saturday 26 July 2025**

May 2025

### May Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday 6 May—2.00 pm**

### Annual General Meeting

Meeting will be held in the rooms and via Zoom

The Annual General Meeting of the Newcastle Family History Society Inc. has been called for Tuesday 6 May 2025 commencing at 2.00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Society rooms at 68 Elder Street, Lambton as well as via Zoom.

All positions on the Management Committee will be declared vacant and nominations are now sought for the following elected positions:

President	Treasurer
Vice-President	General Members x 5
Secretary	

Nomination forms for the above elected positions are available as an attachment to the newsletter; at the Society's rooms; and on our website. All forms must include the signature of the nominee, proposer and seconder, as well as the date. Nominations close on 29 April 2025 and forms should be emailed to the Secretary or placed in the provided envelope and left in the Secretary's pigeonhole at the Society. They may also be posted to our NFHS Secretary, PO Box 296, Jesmond NSW 2299 to arrive no later than 29 April 2025.

Our Society depends on people volunteering for roles not only such as those mentioned above, but also for the many non-elected positions which keep the Society running. You are encouraged to self-nominate for any of the following:

Assistant Secretary	Facebook Administrator/s
Assistant Treasurer	Sandgate Group Coordinator
Librarian	Website Coordinator
Publications Officer	Guest Speaker Coordinator
Journal Editor	Snippers Coordinator
Research Coordinator	Cleaning Coordinator
Maintenance Officer	Newsletter Editor
IT Officer	Membership Registrar

Forms for the non-elected positions are available with the self-nominee required to sign, date the form and return to the Secretary by 29 April 2025 as outlined above.

Karen Smith (NFHS Secretary)  
[nfhsinc@gmail.com](mailto:nfhsinc@gmail.com)

### Zoom link for May AGM

Topic: 2025 NFHS AGM  
Time: May 6, 2025 02:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82506828038?pwd=6dbB5l6TaqK1mKF0GJrXPoGcE6YQ8i.1>

Meeting ID: 825 0682 8038  
Passcode: 868859

If you would like to join by Zoom but feel you need some assistance, please contact our Secretary (email address above).

### Overview of April meeting

Our guest speaker for the month of April was Community Historian, Lachlan Wetherall. Lachlan has written 118 short local history articles for Newcastle's monthly community newspaper, *The Local*. He bases most articles on an old photograph which he has researched, often needing to find the exact date, location or occasion of that photograph. In most instances he also provides a recent photograph giving a 'then and now' perspective. His talk, which is available on our [NFHS YouTube Channel](#), explains the tools, techniques and resources he has used to identify this information.

After acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land, Lachlan explained that all the photographs in his presentation were, to the best of his knowledge, taken on Awabakal land. He then went on to give a brief overview of his own background as a newly retired worker in the fields of electrical engineering and information technology for the past 40 years.

Lachlan's talk is predominantly about dating and locating a photograph by examining the contents of the image. He stresses, however, that *there is no methodical step-by-step guide to success*. He then goes on to present 8 photographs, mainly by Ralph Snowball, and guides us through the process he used to date and locate each one.

Lachlan's tips for us include:

- That we must question everything as the published information provided with a photograph may not be correct.
- Find a good collaborator to work with – share ideas and seek suggestions. Even if your collaborator can't offer suggestions, sometimes just trying to explain a problem to another person leads you to an insight that gets you closer to the answer.

- Compare with other photos.
- Use Google Earth Pro, which is available as a free download to install on your computer. It can provide confirmation by comparing the topography (the shape of the landscape) with the subject photo. It is particularly useful for ruling out wrong guesses.
- Look for buildings, utilities, and infrastructure that can be dated from other sources. For example, tram lines, train lines, bridges, street lighting, telegraph lines, kerbing stones.
- Use old maps such as Street directories, National Library of Australia, State Library of NSW, Newcastle University Living Histories - in particular for the Newcastle area they have a collection of 1890s Water Board maps to help you.
- Locating → Dating, Dating → Locating.
- For dating photographs, searching for newspaper reports in Trove is invaluable.
- Sometimes Land Titles can help, by identifying when and where certain individuals owned land. The historical land records viewer (HLRV) can assist with this for records earlier than about 1960.
- Aerial photos can be useful. The NSW Historical Aerial Imagery website which has imagery from 1943 to 2001, and Google Earth Pro that has historical aerial imagery from about 2005 onwards.
- The Guess and Test Method - make an educated *guess*, then *test* if that guess matches the photo. Like a cryptic crossword – sometimes instead of using the clue to work out the answer, you have to guess an answer and test if it matches the clue.
- Paying attention to advertising and signage such as shop signs, advertising, and road signs can help to date a photograph.
- Details on the front of negative boxes. This tip is particular to Ralph Snowball photos, as he stored his glass plate negatives in wooden boxes. Each box had a paper label with a short description of contents. Newcastle University Special Collections have scanned these listings and made them available online.
- Are there any unusual details in the photograph which might help you?



Lachlan's presentation provides us with the type of guidance needed to help us make informed decisions about the location and date of photographs we may be seeking to identify. To benefit fully from Lachlan's expertise, it is necessary to view the recording via the link provided above. I am sure you will get as much out of it as I did! Thanks so much to Lachlan for taking the time to provide us with this interesting, informative and educational presentation.

Mel Woodford (President)

# Volunteer Librarian's Handbook

## Lockers

There are eight lockers to store your personal belongings while you are volunteering. They are in the hallway between the Reception Room and the Blue Room. The locker keys are kept in the second drawer of the reception desk on a small set of hooks. Please return the key before you go home.

## Photocopying

NFHS has a printer in the blue room that prints from the blue room computers. WHEREVER POSSIBLE COPIES FROM ANY NFHS PUBLICATION SHOULD BE MADE BY PUTTING THE CD OR USB INTO A BLUE ROOM COMPUTER AND PRINTING THE PAGE FROM THERE. There is a photocopier/scanner next to the catalogue computer in the reception area. The directions for using this scanner/printer are on the noticeboard behind the scanner. The directions are on the front and back of the sheet so it is therefore pinned only on one edge.

Members and guests are asked to pay 30c for each printout, scan or photocopy. Payment is usually made into the white moneyboxes near the copier in the blue room and reception room but payment by credit card is possible.

NOTE: NFHS also has two photocopiers in the meeting room. These copiers are used to produce material for the Library and generally should not be used for any other photocopying.

## Publications Sales Book

Publications written and sold by NFHS help pay our rent. All NFHS Publications for sale are stored in alphabetical order in the cupboards below the pigeon holes. In almost every case a Publication is available as a hard copy (a book) but if a Publication is too large to print, they have been produced as a USB. Sometimes Publications are available as both a book and as a USB. Wherever possible NFHS is also working to make Publications available as downloads from our website. This is a long-term project.

There are priced display copies of each of our Publications along the front of the reception desk. With the display copies there is a folder containing a summary, the formats available for each Publication and the price of each Publication. The large blue folder on the reception desk explains how to go about selling one of our Publications. Members receive 10% off their first purchase of any Publication. Discount prices are in the blue folder.

Display copies of our Publications should never be sold. If there is no copy in the cupboard available for sale, please complete an order form that may be found in the blue Publications Folder on the Reception desk.

# Events and Outings

## Future dates

**6 May**—2.00 pm—Annual General meeting

**3 June**—2.00 pm—Monthly meeting

**1 July**—2.00 pm—Monthly meeting—Trivia afternoon with John and Judy Mulhearn

**15 July**—entries close for the 2025 E.M. Fletcher Writing Competition (see page 10)

**5 August**—2.00 pm—Monthly meeting

**2 September**—2.00 pm—Monthly meeting

**12 to 14 September**—State Conference—Wollongong

**7 October**—2.00 pm—Monthly meeting

**11 October**—Library Orientation (Print) (see page 9)

**17 October**—Publications Meeting

**18 October**—Sandgate Cemetery Tour (see page 6)

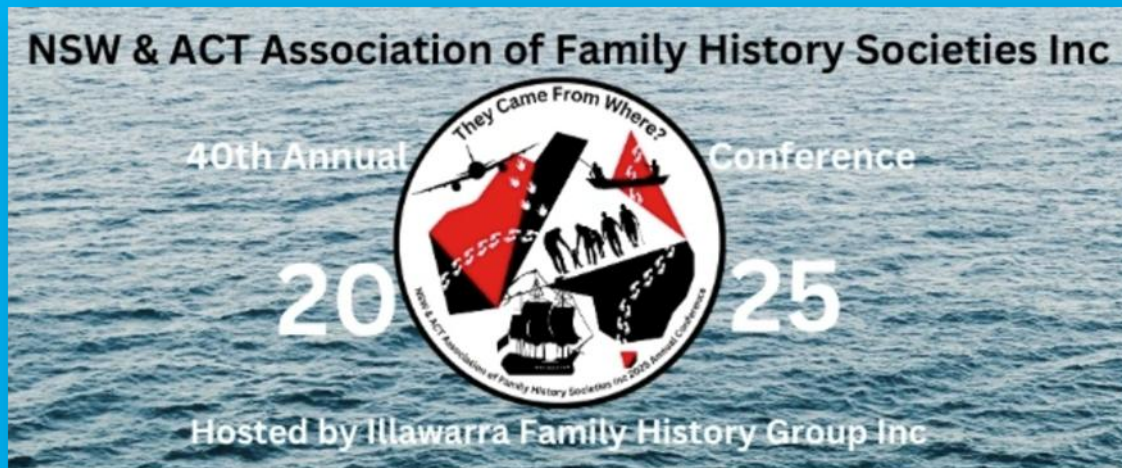
**25 October**—Library Orientation (Digital) (see page 9)

**4 November**—2.00 pm—Monthly meeting

**5 December**—Christmas luncheon

**Every Monday (except public holidays) from 10.30 am**—Coffee and Chat, Wests, Hobart Road, New Lambton. Anyone is welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity to have an informal catch-up with other members. Some great discussions occur about any number of family history topics.

## State Conference 2025



**Would you be interested in attending the**

**State Conference 2025**

**via Zoom at the NFHS rooms on**

**Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September?**

This year our conference is being held in Wollongong. Some NFHS members will be attending in person, but others may find Zoom more convenient.

There are some fabulous [speakers](#).

NFHS is once again offering to hold a mini-Conference in our rooms for \$20 per person if enough people are interested.

Details to attend in person or individually via Zoom can be found [here](#).

Please email Mel on [nfhsresident@gmail.com](mailto:nfhspresident@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending in the NFHS rooms.

# Cemetery Researchers— Important Information

## Major Changes to Cemetery Deceased Searches

Deceased Searches for Sandgate and some other cemeteries have changed. The old Northern Cemeteries facility no longer exists and we need to use Metropolitan Memorial Parks' (MMP) Find a Loved One (FALO). With this change has come major changes to the information available:

- **No more photos can be viewed on the site** (due to privacy concerns)
- **'First name'** is a required field in the search information

Look at <https://www.metropolitanmemorialparks.com.au/find-a-loved-one> to see how it works. Click 'Find a Loved One', at top right. Use the drop-down 'Memorial Park' box to select Sandgate.

You will see full name, date of interment, location. Click on 'Details >'.  
Then you'll see the same information plus 'Coordinates', like this:

**Full Name:** Axxx Byyy Czzz (as in their records)

**Date of Interment:** --/--/---- (as in their records)

**Memorial park:** Sandgate Cemetery

**Location:** ANGLICAN No. X, YYY, ANGLICAN No. X-YYY-ZZ (i.e. Area, row, grave number)

**Coordinates:** [Click to get directions](#)

'Click to get directions' gives GPS coordinates and a map showing where the grave is located.

If you are concerned about these changes and the reasons for them, send your concerns to Diana Kahui (MMP's Head of Experience and Engagement) at [diana.kahui@mmplm.com.au](mailto:diana.kahui@mmplm.com.au), providing specific examples of how they affect your research if you can.

Sandgate Group members have met with MMP and discussed these changes. We've sent a submission voicing concern about the loss of photos which means researchers or family members at a distance from Sandgate cannot see a headstone and the information on it. We've asked that the first name not be 'required', to allow a family name search and because the first name may not be known and it is often not the name that people are known by. We've asked for these concerns to be forwarded to the authorities who could reassess the privacy conditions.

We have also asked our Society Management Committee to look at the website and communicate concerns with MMP as well.

N.B.: Changes apply to ALL cemeteries run by MMP: Rookwood General, Macquarie Park, Frenchs Forest Bushland, Gore Hill Memorial, Woronora Memorial, Eastern Suburbs Memorial, Field of Mars, and Sandgate cemeteries.

Marg Ashford (Sandgate Group Coordinator)

## Sandgate Cemetery Tour

**Date:** Saturday 18 October

**Location:** Honeysuckle (Cottage Creek) reinterment area, Presbyterian area

Do you have any connections with this section?

Please let us know - [nfhssandgategroup@gmail.com](mailto:nfhssandgategroup@gmail.com)

Marg Ashford (Sandgate Tours Coordinator)



# Membership Fees 2025/2026

To date there are still some members who haven't renewed their membership for 2025/2026. Membership fees were due by 1 March 2025 however can still be paid. Can you please advise our Membership Registrar by [email](#) as to your intentions. Thank you.

Sharyn Boyce (Membership Registrar)

## Membership Registrar Position

I wish to thank those members who have shown interest in the role of Membership Registrar. We do have someone who is keen and this will be announced following the AGM.

Sharyn Boyce (Membership Registrar)



## New Members

We welcome the following new members to our Society and encourage you to enjoy your research in our Library. You are welcome to join any of our Special Interest Groups (SIG) to help with your research (see page 7).

#1363 Ruth Sewell  
#1364 Christine Aus  
#1365 Leanne Marshall

#1366 Leona Duncan  
#1367 Glenda Evans

Sharyn Boyce (Membership Registrar)

## All things Scottish

Scottish SIG meets 2nd Tuesday at 1.00 pm  
from February to November

### Scottish newsletter

The next issue will be emailed on 28 May 2025, being the Scottish quarter day of Whitsunday.

NFHS members are always welcome to send us an article to be included in the *Caledonian* by emailing it to the newsletter email below.

Reminder that if you would like to be included on the email list for this newsletter, please send an email to Lea on [nfhsnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:nfhsnewsletter@gmail.com).



Scottish SIG group

## Condolences

NFHS were saddened to hear of the passing of Ron Goodhew on 24 March 2025. Ron was an integral and highly respected member of the eTeam, being Editor of the Journal from 2006 to 2010. He developed a Style Manual for the Journal, established a Writers' Group, edited the newsletter, was Membership Registrar for a number of years and ran MS Word courses. We extend our sincere sympathy to Ron's wife Enid and their family. A tribute to Ron will be published in Journal No 250.

Mel Woodford (President)

The NFHS Management Committee would like to express their heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of one of our members, Raelene Pratt, who passed away on 27 March 2025. Raelene helped to launch and co-ordinate the NFHS Family Scrapbooking Special Interest Group. Her enthusiasm for this craft and her expertise and knowledge in regard to the preservation and presentation of family photographic stories was much appreciated by her fellow scrapppers. She will be sorely missed.

Karen Smith (Secretary)

We have two face-to-face meetings each year - one in March and one in October. Our next meeting will be held on Friday 17 October. Until then we will 'meet' using email. This is a small group who are keen to find opportunities to raise history and family history awareness and thereby money for the Society through the sale of our Publications. If you think of any other possibilities for publications in the meantime or would like to become more involved in this aspect of our Society, please let the group know by sending an email to [nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com](mailto:nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com).

With the help of our IT Officer Clive and our webmaster Glenn, we are making more publications available as downloads.

Members are reminded that they receive a 10% discount off the purchase of their first purchase of any of our publications. (Please note that there are no member discounts on downloads.)

If anyone is interested in purchasing a downloadable version of any publication not yet available, please email Jane on [nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com](mailto:nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com) who will prioritise that title.

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Thank you to everyone for your work.

Jane Ison (Publications Coordinator)

## Journal and Newsletter

### September Journal (251)

We will welcome items for Journal 251 to be published in September, with the theme of **Heroism**. Heroism can be dramatic and obvious, or private behind the scenes. It can involve a choice to make some form of sacrifice, or the overcoming of fear. What springs to mind when we hear the word? Military action or saving someone in distress are obvious responses, but there are so many others – the suffragists taking public action to gain universal suffrage; those setting aside personal ambitions to ensure success for their families. Do you know of people who fit your idea of heroism? Please write about them and share their stories.

Send us those articles by **Saturday 26 July 2025**.

### December Journal (252)

Journal 252 (December) is focussing on **20th Century Migration**. In 2021, almost half of Australian residents had a parent born overseas. While Australia has been a place of immigration from time immemorial, the 20th century saw a phenomenal increase, in both numbers and countries of origin, spurred on by reasons ranging from humanitarianism to deliberate government policies to enhance the work force. 'New Australians' (a phrase coined by Australia's first Minister for Immigration, Arthur Caldwell), brought new foods, drinks, culture, ideas. What stories are told in your family about this immigration and the immigrants?

Please share them with us by sending your articles by **Saturday 25 October 2025**.

### Submission of Articles and Feedback

For all issues, and for any feedback to us, you can send your typed item to [nfhseeditor@gmail.com](mailto:nfhseeditor@gmail.com) or deliver it to the Society library addressed to the Editor. We can also accept handwritten items if that's your preference.

### Journal and Newsletter Deadlines

	Newsletter	Journal
June	10 May	26 April
July	14 June	
August	12 July	
September	16 August	26 July
October	13 September	
November	11 October	
December	20 November	25 October
January	No newsletter	
February	10 January	
March	14 February	24 January

### Do You Know?

When did the Society start sending out Journals via email?

We're including notable events in the Journal's history in our 'Celebration' issue but can't find any written record of this one.

Some members have told us of receiving them in 2018 – can anyone go further back than that?

If so, please let us know at [nfhseeditor@gmail.com](mailto:nfhseeditor@gmail.com).

Thank you!

Margaret Ashford (Editor, eTeam)

# Courses and Learning

## Special Interest Groups

Members of the Society are welcome to join one or more groups and share their knowledge as well as learn something new. All the groups meet in the NFHS rooms, 68 Elder Street, Lambton, monthly at 10.00 am unless otherwise stated. Groups and contact details are below. Please email the facilitator to join a group.

Group	Meeting date	Facilitator	Contact email
Convicts in Australia	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	Laraine Cross	<a href="mailto:nfhsresearch78@gmail.com">nfhsresearch78@gmail.com</a>
Scottish Family Research	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 1.00 pm—February to November	Mel Woodford	<a href="mailto:nfhspresident@gmail.com">nfhspresident@gmail.com</a>
English Ancestors	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	Karen Smith	<a href="mailto:abc26715@bigpond.net.au">abc26715@bigpond.net.au</a>
DNA	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – 1.00 pm	Sandra Jones	<a href="mailto:sjones11@bigpond.net.au">sjones11@bigpond.net.au</a>
Irish Ancestors	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	Pat Healion	<a href="mailto:pat.healion1@gmail.com">pat.healion1@gmail.com</a>
Cemetery Research	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	Pat Healion	<a href="mailto:pat.healion1@gmail.com">pat.healion1@gmail.com</a>
Ancestry Users	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday—February to November—no meeting in September	Mel Woodford	<a href="mailto:nfhspresident@gmail.com">nfhspresident@gmail.com</a>
Scrapbooking	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Karen Smith	<a href="mailto:abc26715@bigpond.net.au">abc26715@bigpond.net.au</a>

## YouTube

Don't forget our guest speakers at our monthly meetings are recorded and the presentations can be viewed on the Society's YouTube channel. This is a fabulous way for those who are either distance members or just can't make it to the meeting, to be able to still enjoy our speakers. Or even if you were at the meeting, you may wish to listen to the presentation again.

To view these, either go to our Society webpage and click on the YouTube tab on the Home page, or type 'YouTube Newcastle Family History Society' into your search engine, or simply click [here](#).

Mel Woodford (President)

## Podcasts

### General

Some more podcasts have been recorded since our last newsletter. I'm sure you will find them very interesting so click on the links below and enjoy listening.

Is any member who has an ancestor at ANY industrial school in NSW before 1900 interested in working with Jane Ison on a Q&A podcast about their ancestor? Please let her know on [nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com](mailto:nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com) or contact the IT Officer at [nfhssit@gmail.com](mailto:nfhssit@gmail.com).

### ***In the Shadow of Mount Sugarloaf by Benita Parker, West Wallsend District Heritage Group***

In the third episode of this series, Benita recounts the journey of a traveller in the 19th century as he rides on horseback from Wallsend to Teralba, via Minmi through the heart of coal country. To listen, click [here](#).

### ***Birds of a Feather by Member Narelle Austen***

In episode 3 of this series, Narelle looks at the lives of convicts John Tucker and James Hardy Vaux and their significant co-operation with Commandant Thomas Skottowe, offering us a glimpse into a unique time and place in our local colonial history. To listen, click [here](#).

### ***How It Was: Advances in Medicine During My Lifetime by Member Dr Pamela Harrison OAM***

In the final episode of this series, Dr Pamela Harrison OAM reflects on groundbreaking discoveries, pivotal moments in patient care, and her personal contributions to the evolution of modern medicine. To listen, click [here](#).

Mel Woodford (President)

## Where Are They?

We have noticed recently that a large number of cemetery records books are missing from the library shelves. We hope someone out there knows where they are. The table below lists them. They were all together in the 'Cemetery Records' section, just to your right as you head up the steps into the back room. These books were on the shelves last December when we completed a stocktake, so have disappeared since then. If you have any ideas about where they might be, please contact me at [nfhslibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:nfhslibrarian@gmail.com) or, if you have them, simply return them to the library.

Jim MacDougall (Librarian)

Creator	Title	Call No
Port Stephens FHS	Monumental inscriptions index: Anna Bay, Birubi Point, Nelson Bay [1999]	AH5/15/015
Giggins, A & Saunderson, M & Pawley, K A	Tarro cemetery [1978]	AH5/15/016
Hall, Elaine	Karuah cemetery [1987]	AH5/15/017
Nurse, B	Booral St Barnabas Anglican cemetery	AH5/15/018
Geer, Leo D	Carrington historic cemetery	AH5/15/019
Hall, Elaine	Barrington pioneer cemetery [1987]	AH5/15/020
Hall, Elaine	St Paul's Church of England, Paterson: headstone listings	AH5/15/021
Latter Day Saints	St Paul's Church of England, Paterson: burials	AH5/15/022
Boyle, Harry F	Moonan Brook cemetery [1982]	AH5/15/023
Bates, Judy, comp.	Merriwa Church of England cemetery headstone inscriptions [1982]	AH5/15/024
Boyle, Harry F	Gundy Church of England cemetery headstone listings [1982]	AH5/15/025
Boyle, Harry F	Gundy Presbyterian cemetery headstone listings [1982]	AH5/15/026
Newcastle FHS	Bandon Grove cemetery headstone inscriptions [1991]	AH5/15/027

## Library Roster

Date	Librarian 1 (get key)	Librarian 2
<b>Saturday Library Roster</b>		
<b>Morning 9.45 am to 12.30 pm</b>		
<b>Afternoon 12.30 pm to 3.00 pm</b>		
3 May am	Lea H	Sandra B
3 May pm	Lea H	Sandra J
10 May am	Sharyn B	Nouvelle T
10 May pm	Sharyn B	Nouvelle T
17 May am	Marie H	Paul K
17 May pm	Marie H	Paul K
24 May am	Volunteer	Marilyn B
24 May pm	Volunteer	Jude C
31 May am	Volunteer	Volunteer
31 May pm	Volunteer	Volunteer
<b>Thursday Library Roster</b>		
<b>1.00 to 3.00 pm</b>		
1 May	Alison M	Clelia P
8 May	Jane I	Volunteer
15 May	Marilyn M	Jane I
22 May	Karen S	Rosalie B
29 May	Marilyn M	Jane I

## Library Volunteers—Urgent

Our May Library roster has quite a few vacancies for Library volunteers to fill the gaps in between our regular volunteers.

Can you help please? Without volunteers, we are unable to keep the rooms open for our members and visitors to continue with their family history research.

If you could spare three hours to assist to fill these gaps, please complete the volunteer form at this [link](#).

Once again, thanks to our wonderful volunteers.

Mel Woodford (President)

## Library Acquisitions

Creator	Title	Call No	Source
White, Judy	Total - the changing moods of a rural estate	AH8.421/01/16	
Rieth, Kath	Notes on some early Wallsend families - April 2000	AH3/80/03	Wallsend Heritage Group
Bates, Maureen & Geoff	Bates family histories	A4/BAT/02	Wallsend Heritage Group
Harlon, John	Harlon pedigree	A4/HAR/09	



# Miscellaneous

## Email Addresses

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Treasurer	<a href="mailto:nfhstreasurer@gmail.com">nfhstreasurer@gmail.com</a>
Courses	<a href="mailto:nfhscourses@gmail.com">nfhscourses@gmail.com</a>
Events	<a href="mailto:nfhsevents@gmail.com">nfhsevents@gmail.com</a>
Journal	<a href="mailto:nfhseeditor@gmail.com">nfhseeditor@gmail.com</a>
Librarian	<a href="mailto:nfhslibrarian@gmail.com">nfhslibrarian@gmail.com</a>
Membership	<a href="mailto:nfhsmembership@gmail.com">nfhsmembership@gmail.com</a>
Newsletter	<a href="mailto:nfhnewsletter@gmail.com">nfhnewsletter@gmail.com</a>
Orientation sessions	<a href="mailto:nfhsorientation@gmail.com">nfhsorientation@gmail.com</a>
Publications	<a href="mailto:nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com">nfhspublicationsofficer@gmail.com</a>
Research	<a href="mailto:nfhresearcher@gmail.com">nfhresearcher@gmail.com</a>
Sandgate group	<a href="mailto:nfhssandgategroup@gmail.com">nfhssandgategroup@gmail.com</a>
Used book sales	<a href="mailto:nfhslibrarian@gmail.com">nfhslibrarian@gmail.com</a>
Webmaster	<a href="mailto:nfhwebmaster@gmail.com">nfhwebmaster@gmail.com</a>

## Snippers Group

Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm

### Password for member area of website

The password for the Member area of our website:

*Until 6 May 2025*

**Podcasts** - Note Podcasts has a Capital P

*From 7 May 2025*

**Ancestors** - Note: Ancestors has a capital A

## Disclaimer

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## National Trust Australian Heritage Festival

The 45th annual [Australian Heritage Festival](#) returns 18 April - 18 May 2025.

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### SAG Courses Code

As NFHS has taken out an Affiliate Membership with the [Society of Australian Genealogists Inc.](#), our members will now receive a discount when registering for SAG courses using a special code.

For the 2025 year, the code is:

**SAGAFFMEM2025**

Mel Woodford (President)



## Attachments to the newsletter

The following attachments are in the newsletter email

- After a Council mandated closure, Wyong FHG are back up and running and their next meeting is a Show and Tell event on Saturday 10 May 2025
- Lake Macquarie Family History Group Open Day—Finding Your Place—Saturday 17 May 2025
- NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc—2025 Annual Conference Flyer

# May

# 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
Red—SIG Groups Blue—Volunteer Groups Green—Courses Purple—Meetings Black—Library Open Brown—Events				10am—Cemetery SIG 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Convicts in Australia 12.30-1.55pm—Library open 2pm—Annual General Meeting	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00—Editing meeting—Journal 250	10am-3pm—Library open Submissions due for June newsletter
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	1pm—Scottish SIG		10am—Management Committee 1-3pm—Library open	9.30am-3.30pm—Publications printing Cover printing—Journal 250	10am-3pm—Library open
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—English Ancestors 1pm—DNA	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Scrapbooking 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00—Journal printing—Journal 250	10am-3pm—Library open
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Irish Ancestors	Caledonian newsletter to be emailed	1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open

# June

# 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Red—SIG Groups Blue—Volunteer Groups Green—Courses Purple—Meetings Black—Library Open Brown—Events		10am—Convicts in Australia 12.30-1.55pm—Library open 2pm—General Meeting	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Cemetery SIG 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00—Feedback/Planning meeting—Journals 250/251	Library closed Kings Birthday long weekend
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Kings Birthday long weekend	1pm—Scottish SIG		10am—Ancestry Users 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open Submissions due for July newsletter
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—English Ancestors 1pm—DNA	10am-2pm—Snippers	10am—Management Committee 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	9.30-11.30am—Library Group 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am—Irish Ancestors		10am—Scrapbooking 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
29	30					
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests					

# July

# 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
<b>Red</b> —SIG Groups <b>Blue</b> —Volunteer Groups <b>Green</b> —Courses <b>Purple</b> —Meetings <b>Black</b> —Library Open <b>Brown</b> —Events			10am-2pm— <b>Snippers</b>	10am— <b>Cemetery SIG</b> 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am— <b>Convicts in Australia</b> 12.30-1.55pm—Library open 2pm— <b>General Meeting</b>		10am— <b>Ancestry Users</b> 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open <b>Submissions due for August newsletter</b>
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	9.30-11.30am— <b>Library Group</b> 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	1pm— <b>Scottish SIG</b>	10am-2pm— <b>Snippers</b>	10am— <b>Management Committee</b> 1-3pm—Library open	9.30am-3.30pm— <b>Publications printing</b>	10am-3pm—Library open
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am— <b>English Ancestors</b> 1pm— <b>DNA</b>		10am— <b>Scrapbooking</b> 1-3pm—Library open		10am-3pm—Library open
27	28	29	30	31		
	9.30-11.30am— <b>Library Group</b> 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am— <b>Irish Ancestors</b>		1-3pm—Library open		

# August

# 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
<b>Red</b> —SIG Groups <b>Blue</b> —Volunteer Groups <b>Green</b> —Courses <b>Purple</b> —Meetings <b>Black</b> —Library Open <b>Brown</b> —Events						10am-3pm—Library open
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am— <b>Convicts in Australia</b> 12.30-1.55pm—Library open 2pm— <b>General Meeting</b>	10am-2pm— <b>Snippers</b>	10am— <b>Cemetery SIG</b> 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00— <b>Editing meeting—Journal 251</b>	10am-3pm—Library open
10	11	12	12	14	15	16
	9.30-11.30am— <b>Library Group</b> 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	1pm— <b>Scottish SIG</b>		10am— <b>Ancestry Users</b> 1-3pm—Library open	9.30am-3.30pm— <b>Publications printing</b> <b>Cover printing—Journal 251</b>	10am-3pm—Library open <b>Submissions due for September newsletter</b>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am— <b>English Ancestors</b> 1pm— <b>DNA</b>	10am-2pm— <b>Snippers</b>	10am— <b>Management Committee</b> 1-3pm—Library open	9.30-12.00— <b>Journal printing—Journal 251</b>	10am-3pm—Library open
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	9.30-11.30am— <b>Library Group</b> 10.30am—Coffee and Chat, Wests	10am— <b>Irish Ancestors</b>		10am— <b>Scrapbooking</b> 1-3pm—Library open <b>Caledonian newsletter to be emailed</b>		10am-3pm—Library open
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